West Africa Conference on Digital Infrastructure and Cybersecurity
November 28-29, 2023

Day 0: Reception/Welcoming of International Delegation, *Novotel,* Monday November 27th, 2023	
6:00pm – 6:30pm	**Official welcoming of International Delegation** ● Dr. Conrad TUCKER, Interim Director, CMU-Africa (5min) ● Information Systems and Digital Agency (ASIN) Representative- Government of Benin (5 min) ● Ministry of Digitalization- Government of Benin (5 min) ● Cultural Performance (15 mn)
6:30pm – 7:30pm	**Networking and Reception** ● Cocktails
7:45pm	Conclusion of Welcome Reception
Day 1: *Golden Tulip,* Tuesday November 28th, 2023	
8:00am – 9:00am	Registration
9:00am-9:30am	**Welcome Remarks and Conference Outline** ● Conference Motivation and Outline by Dr. Assane Gueye, Associate Teaching Professor; CMU-Africa (10 mins) ● Welcome Remarks by Dr. Conrad Tucker, Interim Director of CMU-Africa and Associate Dean for International Affairs-Africa, Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Machine Learning (Courtesy) (5 mins) ● Welcome and Opening Remarks by, H.E. Ms. Aurelie Adam Soule Zoumarou, Minister of Digital, Benin (10 mins)

09:30am-09:40am	**Group Photo**
09:40am – 10:45am	**High Level Panel Discussion:Digital Public Infrastructure and Africa's Digital transformation: Challenges and Opportunities** **Panel Moderator:** Ariel Sacramento **Panelists:** Hermann LANSE (SBIN), Abdou Karim Jallow (Gambia Information and Communication Technology Agency), Emmanuel Khisa (CDPI), Serge ADJOVI (WDS Africa)
10:45am– 11:10am	Coffee Break and Networking
11:10am-11:25am	**Keynote Address: Personal Data, Data Protection and Data Privacy** **Speaker:** Linda Laourou
11:25am – 12:10pm	**Panel Discussion: Digital ID: Adoption, experience, lessons learned?** **Moderator:** Gabi Adotevi (MOSIP) **Panelists**: Charles Mugisha (ASIN), Mina Abdo (National ID Program Ethiopia), Dr. Cartsen Maple (Professor, Alan Turing), Oliver Twagirayezu (Smart Africa)
12:10pm-1:10pm	**<u>Lightning Talks: A series of Short presentations (7 minutes each)</u>** **Moderator**: Dr. Emmanuel Ndashimye, CMU-Africa ● Fiacre GBAGUIDI (Beninese Digital Infrastructure Company) ● Camus LANMANDOUCELLO (PKI) ● Dr. Mary-Anne Hartley (Yale University) ● Lamine Badiane (Data Center National) ● Augustine Kombieni (PNI) ● Hervé HOUNDETON (PNPE) ● Dr. Eric Umuhoza (CMU-Africa)
1:10pm – 2:00pm	Demos/Poster Sessions (CMU-Africa, Epitech)
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Lunch (Demos/Poster Sessions Continued)
3:00pm – 3:15pm	**Keynote: Financial Inclusion**

	Speaker: Olivier Twagirayezu - Unit Manager – Digital Trade and Services, SMART Africa
3:15pm – 4:00 pm	**Panel Discussion: Financial Inclusion: Foundations for a Digital Africa** **Panel Moderator**: Ayodele OGNIN **Panelists**: Momoh Sesay(Central Bank of Sierra Leone), Joel AFFOYON (International Bank for Industry and Commerce),Sabine Mensah (AfricaNenda), Kuassi Ayikué SATCHIVI (BCEAO)
4:00pm – 4:25pm	Coffee Break and Networking
4:25pm – 5:10pm	**Panel Discussion: The Importance of Cybersecurity in a Digital Africa** **Panel Moderator:** Dr. Jema David Ndibwile (CMU-Africa) **Panelists**: Ouanilo Medegan (ASIN Benin), Vivian Nwaocha (National Open University of Nigeria), Momodou L. Kinteh (Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy Gambia), Yenataba Kignaman-Soro (Cosco Africa)
5:10 pm – 5:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Outline for Day 2
Day 2: *Golden Tulip,* Wednesday November 29ᵗʰ, 2023	

8:00am – 9:00am	Registration
9:00am– 9:15am	**Opening Remarks** by **Dr. Conrad Tucker**, Interim Director of CMU-Africa and Associate Dean for International Affairs-Africa,Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Machine Learning(Courtesy) (5mins) ● Role of Associative Channels in Collaboration on Digital Issues between Japan and Africa: **Mr. David Kpondehou,** President and founder, Africa Diaspora Network Japan (ADNJ)
9:15am – 9:30am	**Keynote: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Cybersecurity in Africa** **Speaker:** Eric ADJA**, President AFRIA**
09:30am– 10:15am	**Panel: AI for Advancing Digital Health in Africa** **Moderator**: Dr. Maximilien KPODJEDO **Panelists**: Dr. Mary-Anne Hartley (Yale University), Eric ADJA (AFRIA), Dr. Conrad Tucker (CMU-Africa), Maissa Mbaye (CEA-MITIC)

10:15am – 11:00am	**Panel Discussion : Transforming STEM Education in Africa through AI, DPIs, and Cybersecurity** **Panel Moderator:** Ratheil HOUNDJI **Panelists**: Dr. Oussouby Sacko (Kyoto Seika University), Dr. Lebsework Negash (Addis Ababa Institute of Technology) , Dr. Tim Brown (CMU-Africa), Clotilde GUIDI (INSTI)
11:00am-11:15am	Coffee Break and Networking
11:15am – 11:30am	**Keynote:Female Participation in Africa's Digital Transformation** **Speaker:** Maimouna Kone, CEO Dynex Africa
11:30am – 12:15pm	**Panel Discussion : Increasing women participation in Digital Transformation** **Moderator:** Rebecca KINDJANHOUNDE **Panelists:** Cynthia Aissy (Epitech), Hermine Sèwanoudé (Sewema), Caren Katary (SBIN), Ruth Ikegah (Open Source Community Africa)
12:15pm – 1:15pm	**<u>Breakout sessions/ Brainstorming</u>** Cybersecurity, AI & DPI Opportunities and Challenges Across High Impact Sectors in Africa.
1:15pm – 2:15 pm	**Lunch**
2:15pm – 2:30pm	**Capacity Building through the Upanzi Network: Carnegie Mellon University-Africa: Research and Education Opportunities: Dr. Assane Gueye**
2:30pm-3:15pm	**Panel Discussion: Funding Opportunities to Foster Multinational Collaborations** **Panel Moderator**: Dr. Moise Busogi, CMU-Africa **Panelists**: Dr. Abiodun Ilumoka (U.S National Science Foundation) , Robert Karanja (CoDevelop Fund)
3:15pm-3:30pm	Coffee Break and Networking
3:30pm – 3:45pm	**Keynote: Bacteria genomics, data storage and AI: the next frontier of technological innovation**. **Speaker:** Dr. Christophe Guyeux

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Report-outs from Day 1 and Day 2 by Breakout leads (10 minutes per group presentation)
4:30pm-4:45pm	● Overview of picoCTF Africa (5 min) ● Presentation of PicoCTF Awards: Ministry of Digital Economy and Communication Representative- Government of Benin (10 min)
4:45pm-5:15pm	Concluding Remarks and Path Forward